

MINUTES
Underhill Conservation Commission
February 10, 2020
Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Dan Steinbauer, Betsy Chapek, Daphne Tanis, Pat Lamphere, Laurie Graham, Steven Webster

Absent: Nancy McRae, Amy Golodetz, Peter Hiskes

Public Comment: None

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed and led meeting.

Approval Minutes: 1/13/20 approved with changes.

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Town Meeting Planning: March 3, 2020

Table Set Up:

- Showcase UCC Educational Events on board: Flyers from previous events, hand outs from workshops (Tom Rogers), Film Series, Photos
- Steve has map of Crane Brook area with trail
- Dan will bring Emerald Ash Borer hanging trap and information as well as Composting workshop information.
- Plant Sale
- Karen will be in touch with Nancy to pick up a poster board.
- We will meet to bring all of the flyers and resources to put on the poster board at 5:30 on Thursday 2/13/20, before the Living with Beavers presentation.
- Printing: Talk to Patrick about printing files after we figure out what we want on the poster.

Brief Winter Education Series Updates:

- Living with Beavers: 6:30pm Thursday, February 13, 2020. Mount Mansfield Public Access TV will be there filming. Posters are posted.
 - Karen will reach out to the Jericho Conservation Commission, Transition Towns mailing list, Sarah Lourie of the Cambridge Conservation Commission, Peter Danforth Director of Lamoille County Conservation Commission with a PDF of Living with Beavers poster.
 - Daphne will create a signup sheet for guests and do an intro to the show.
- Educational Film Series:
 - January 28 @ DRML: Final Straw : Had a decent turn out, but film didn't seem to be as inspirational as we hoped
 - February 18 @ DRML, 7pm: Biggest Little Farm
 - March 12 @ Town Hall 7pm: Rivers and Tides
- Coyotes Presentation on March 24: Speaker will be Kim Royer Fur Bearer Project Leader VT Fish and Wildlife. Betsy will check in with her while she is here for the Beavers presentation on Thursday.

Plant Sale Planning:

- Saturday June 6th promptly at 9am.
- Nancy has been researching chestnut trees. Betsy will be in contact with Chestnut Society, with the hope chestnut trees might be available to sell at the plant sale and their viability for the Underhill area.
- UVM Extension Saplings
- Pat is interested in finding Butternut seedlings that are resistant to disease
- Bird or Bat Houses: Who would make them, could we provide plans, shop class or community service project? Karen will reach out to contact about birdhouses.
- There may be a donation program that Pat knows about

Indigineous Agriculture Workshop:

- Pat spoke with Fred Wiseman, author of Seven Sisters, and he is willing to do a lecture. Considering an entry fee for this event. Some presentation ideas include book signing, slideshow, props, seeds available or panel

discussion. The events he has led about agriculture are very well attended. Presentation would be mid-May, possibly May 16. Ideas: What is indigineous agriculture, why is it beneficial, how you do it and slides.

- Abenaki Gardens Crops Lecture at Ethan Allen Homestead

Other Information:

- Nancy McRae is the go-to communicator with the Recreation Committee about walks, trail signage and endeavors.
- Dan went with Ethan Tapper to Hinesburg Town Forest walk and talk. Considering the inventory of ash trees for both town right-of-way and private land owners. Another event Feb. 22 1-3pm about balancing town forest stewardship and recreation.

Adjourn: 8:00pm